

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A Council reorganizational meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on December 30, 2009, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Bob Roberts, Steven Skok, Richard Gabler, Jr., Daniel Hepner, Richard Dornisch, Manager David Greene, and Solicitor Mark Jacob

VISITORS

Visitors included: Sam Shefcyk, James Groll, Joseph Frey, Delores Frey, Warren Stewart and Richard Sadley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 21, 2009

Dennis Nero made a motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2009, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

Warren Stewart requested to be called on during Legislative Action for the proposed Ordinance No. 255.

REORGANIZATION

Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Geyer made a motion to appoint Dennis Nero as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor, except Dennis Nero who abstained.

Appointment of Solicitor

Mayor Geyer stated the City received two proposals for the Solicitor position. Manager Greene stated one was from Attorney Mark Jacob and the other from Attorney Anthony Alfieri.

Mayor Geyer made a motion to reappoint Attorney Mark Jacob as the City's Solicitor, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Police Pension Board

Mayor Geyer made a motion to appoint Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, and Daniel Hepner to the Police Pension Board, seconded by Richard Gabler, Jr., and all were in favor, except Daniel Hepner who abstained.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No changes were necessary.

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Designee for Non-Uniform Grievances	Mayor Geyer would remain as designee.
Appointment to Tax Board	Mayor Geyer made a motion to appoint Bob Roberts to the Tax Board, seconded by Richard Gabler, Jr., and all were in favor, except Bob Roberts who abstained.
Appointment of the Vacancy Board Chairman	Bob Roberts made a motion to appoint Sean Gabler as the Vacancy Board Chairman, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.
Setting Council meeting times and dates	Richard Dornisch made a motion to hold Council Worksession Meetings on the 1 st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and Regular Council Meetings on the 3 rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor. Special or rescheduled meetings of Council will be advertised.
Comment	Richard Dornisch suggested the Mayor not make motions, because she Chair's the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Benzinger Township Sewer Authority (5 years)	Daniel Hepner made a motion to reappoint John DaCanal as a member of the Benzinger Township Sewer Authority, seconded by Richard Gabler, Jr., and all were in favor.
St. Marys Municipal Authority (5 years)	Steven Skok made a motion to reappoint Thaddeus Sorg as a member of the St. Marys Municipal Authority, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.
Benzinger Township Golf Authority (5 years)	Bob Roberts made a motion to reappoint Paul Schaut as a member of the Benzinger Township Golf Authority, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.
Benzinger Township Hospital Authority (5 years)	Daniel Hepner made a motion to appoint H. Robert Hoare as a member of the Benzinger Township Hospital Authority, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.
Parking Authority (5 years)	Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to reappoint Elaine Friedl as a member of the Parking Authority, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor.

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St. Marys Area Airport Authority
(5 years)

Daniel Hepner made a motion to reappoint George Terbovich as a member of the St. Marys Area Airport Authority, seconded by Richard Gabler, Jr., and all were in favor.

There is still one vacancy and will be re-advertised.

St. Marys Area Water Authority (5 years)

Dennis Nero made a motion to reappoint Kenneth Meier as a member of the St. Marys Area Water Authority, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to reappoint Larry Lecker as a member of the St. Marys Area Water Authority, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Redevelopment Authority of the City of
St. Marys (5 years)

Solicitor Jacob explained the Home Rule Charter does not prevent a Councilmember to serve on a Board. Both Daniel Hepner and Bob Roberts have agreed to continue to serve until their positions are filled.

Mr. Dornisch stated he knew of two individuals that expressed an interest on serving on the Board and he would pursue that information.

The vacancies will be re-advertised.

Zoning Hearing Board (5 years)

Bob Roberts made a motion to reappoint James T. Baumgratz as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Police Civil Service (3 years)

Richard Dornisch made a motion to reappoint James Heary Sr. as a member of the Police Civil Service Commission, seconded by Richard Gabler, Jr., and all were in favor.

Board of Health (5 years)

Steven Skok made a motion to reappoint Sarah Samick as a member of the Board of Health, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

City Planning Commission (4 years)

Dennis Nero made a motion to reappoint Michael Lecker as a member of the Planning Commission, seconded by Daniel Hepner, and all were in favor.

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Richard Dornisch made a motion to appoint Thomas Farley as a member of the Planning Commission, seconded by Bob Roberts, and all were in favor.

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Shade Tree Commission of the City of St. Marys (3 years)

Dennis Nero made a motion to reappoint Jude Salvaggio as a member of the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

Daniel Hepner made a motion to reappoint Clythera Hornung as a member of the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

Motion

Richard Dornisch made a motion to impose a two consecutive term limit on all Authorities, Boards and Commissions. The motion died for lack of a second.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Consider for publication No. 255
re: Refinance of \$5,500,00 General
Obligation Note

Ordinance No. 255 was presented to refinance the \$5,500,000 General Obligation Note dated December 17, 2007.

Manager Greene stated PNC Bank was the successful lender.

Motion

Steven Skok made a motion to publish Ordinance No. 255, seconded by Richard Dornisch.

Discussion

Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart approached Council with questions as to why the Parking Garage was scaled down in size from the original plans in 2006.

Manager Greene stated the money available has remained the same but the costs for the project had increased. He also stated if more funds became available the City would consider adding more levels to the parking garage.

Curt Brennen

Curt Brennen approached Council and stated the money for the parking garage was taxpayer's money. He also questioned how the price was determined.

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Solicitor Jacob

Solicitor Jacob explained there was an alternate pricing option contained in the bid and it was mathematically determined by level.

Daniel Hepner

Daniel Hepner stated the schedule of payment contained in the Ordinance is dependent on the construction of the parking garage.

Roll Call Vote Motion Passed

On a roll call vote, Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Bob Roberts, Steven Skok, Richard Gabler, Jr., Daniel Hepner, and Richard Dornisch voted in the positive. All were in favor, motion was approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bob Roberts

Bob Roberts commented he was happy to be here and hoped to help make a difference in the next four years.

Daniel Hepner

Daniel Hepner echoed Bob Roberts comments and was looking forward to the next four years.

Dennis Nero

Dennis Nero clarified that there would be no money used for the parking garage from the City's general fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Council meetings will be rebroadcast on the following Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.


Recording Secretary


Mayor